

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-1390

Todd House

9013 Old Northpoint Road

Sparrows Point, Baltimore County

1880 ca.

Private

Located on the Patapsco River Neck in the vicinity of North Point, the Todd House was constructed circa 1880 on a large tract of land that belonged to the Todd family since the early 19th century. The Todd family's lands were traversed by North Point Road (now Old North Point Road), which carried militia troops and the British army across the peninsula during the Battle of North Point in the War of 1812. During that battle, an early 19th century house belonging to the Todd family was burned by British troops. Although the exact location of the destroyed house is currently unknown, the 1850 county atlas indicates that Mrs. Todd resided in another Todd family dwelling northeast of the extant house. The 1877 county atlas attributes two houses in this vicinity to T.B. Todd. Architectural analysis suggests that the extant Todd House was constructed circa 1880 in close proximity to the previous two dwellings. According to the 1915 county atlas, this house could be the dwelling occupied by T.B. Todd, Jr. in the early 20th century. At that time, a cluster of dwellings south of the extant house belonged to C. Todd's estate. The flat farmland surrounding the Todd House was used for agricultural purposes through 1978. During the last two decades of the 20th century, a large amount of land, including that on which the Todd House is sited, was purchased by the Maryland State Department of Natural Resources as part of the 1,310-acre North Point State Park, which opened in 1989.

This Queen Anne style dwelling stands two-and-a-half stories tall and five bays wide. The house sits on a large lot that was once a working farm. Its stretcher bond brick foundation supports a wood frame structure clad originally with wood shingles but currently with wood weatherboard. Fronting south, the building has a side gable jerkinhead roof with asphalt shingles. Rising from the roof ridge are two central-interior brick chimneys with rebuilt caps. There is a projecting center bay with a jerkinhead roof that has a 2/2 window. Nine 2/2 windows pierce the façade each with square-edged wood sills and surrounds. The central entry features a single-leaf wood door that is paneled with lights. It is surrounded by a three-light transom and one-light sidelights. Also on the façade is a one-story porch that is five bays wide with a half-hipped roof and turned posts. Projecting from the north elevation are two ells rising two-stories tall with brick foundations. The west-side ell extends further but is connected to the shorter east-side ell by a shed roof porch addition. An interior-end chimney in the west-side ell has a rebuilt cap. To the north of the dwelling is a circa 1900 tenant house that is in ruinous condition. A deteriorating circa 1925 wood frame shed clad in wood weatherboard siding is also located on the property.

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(indicate preferred name)

other

street and number	9013 Old Northpoint Road	not for publication
city, town	Sparrows Point	vicinity
county	Baltimore County	

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

zip code	N/A
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courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Baltimore County Courthouse	liber	N/A	folio	N/A
city, town	Towson	tax map	N/A	tax parcel	N/A
				tax ID number	N/A

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
___ district	___ public	___ agriculture	___ landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___ commerce/trade	___ recreation/culture	<u>3</u>	___ buildings
___ structure	___ both	___ defense	___ religion	___	___ sites
___ site		___ domestic	___ social	___	___ structure
___ object		___ education	___ transportation	___	___ objects
		___ funerary	___ work in progress	<u>3</u>	___ Total
		___ government	___ unknown		
		___ health care	<u>X</u> vacant/not in use		
		___ industry	___ other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				1	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed 1880, this Queen Anne style dwelling stands two-and-a-half stories tall and five bays wide. Presently in poor condition, the house sits on a large lot that was once a working farm. Its stretcher bond brick foundation supports a wood frame structure clad originally with wood shingles but currently with wood weatherboard. Fronting south, the building has a side gable jerkinhead roof with asphalt shingles. Rising from the roof ridge are two central-interior brick chimneys with rebuilt caps. There is a projecting center bay with a jerkinhead roof that has a 2/2 window. Nine 2/2 windows pierce the façade each with square-edged wood sills and surrounds. The central entry features a single-leaf wood door that is paneled with lights. It is surrounded by a three-light transom and one-light sidelights. Also on the façade is a one-story porch that is five bays wide with a half-hipped roof and turned posts. Projecting from the north elevation are two ells rising two stories tall with brick foundations. The west-side ell extends further but is connected to the shorter east-side ell by a shed roof porch addition. There is an interior-end chimney in the west-side ell with a rebuilt cap.

To the north of the dwelling is a circa 1900 tenant house that is in very poor condition. This weatherboard clad, wood frame structure is two-stories tall with a collapsing side gable roof. Still standing is a central interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap. There are two, single-leaf sliding doors made with vertical board.

A circa 1925 wood frame shed clad in wood weatherboard siding is also located on the property. This deteriorating structure has a single-leaf vertical board door and shed roof with metal standing seam cladding.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1875 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1875 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The Todd House displays elements of the Queen Anne style of architecture, which was a popular style for the design of domestic buildings in the late 19th century. The eclectic Queen Anne style focused on the free form, melding elements of the Classical, Tudor, and Flemish styles of architecture.⁷ High style buildings featured a variety of roof forms, projecting oriel bays, colored glass windows and turrets. The style also featured detailed porches, cut-out brackets designs, patterned shingles and spindles⁸. Craftsmen expressed a wide range of

¹ Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, *A History of Baltimore County* (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979) pp. 121-123.

² J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

³ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁴ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

⁵ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

⁶ <http://www.homestead.com/northpointstatepark/filesfaq.htm> (25 May 2001).

⁷ Carley, Rachel. *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*. (New York, NY: Holt and Co., Inc, 1994). pp. 154-155.

⁸ McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Architecture*. (New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1988), pp. 263-214.

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creativity through decorative woodworking exploration. The Todd House is a more modest interpretation of Queen Anne style architecture, which is represented through the building's jerkinhead roof detailing and turned porch posts with scroll sawn corner brackets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Sparrows Point

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1880, the Todd House has been associated with the acreage at the current intersection of C Avenue and Old Northpoint Road in the Fifteenth District of Baltimore County.

11. Form Prepared by

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NEW TODD HOUSE - 1850-1875 - Old North Point Road, west side, north of Fort Howard entrance gate. Frame house, two stories, in Victorian style, covered with brown shingles; jerkinhead roof. Tall double chimneys. Shown in 1877 atlas as T. B. Todd house. Set in midst of flat fields which were still under cultivation in 1978.